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THIOL- AND SELENOL-CONTAINING  
COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF  
USE THEREOF

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the application, and consider the following remarks. Additionally, enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and 15 references. Included are Form PTO-1449 documents that were filed in the parent case (U.S. Patent No. 6,340,746 B1). Copies of these references are in the parent case. Also enclosed are clean and marked-up versions of the substitute specification. Finally, enclosed is an executed Revocation and Substitute Power of Attorney.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)(3) and 1.125(b), please replace the specification in its entirety with the substitute specification attached hereto. The substitute specification contains no new matter.